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Janie,

Can you confirm that this is a final response that we can use for HQ in response to a Congressional inquiry.

Thank you.

Rebecca

The recent work at the Gold King was performed as part of a removal site assessment. The plan was to re-open the Gold King Mine portal and workings to investigate the conditions to assess the on-going releases. In addition, the purpose of the work was to identify and characterize specific water flows into the mine and evaluate potential means to mitigate those flows if possible. This evaluation was being performed in conjunction with the time-critical removal action at the Red and Bonita Mine in order to observe possible changes in the discharge at the Gold King Mine that may be caused by the installation of the bulkhead at the Red and Bonita. The bulkhead was scheduled to be completed this Fall.

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Hi Rebecca,

Can you help track this down?

Please confirm that the time critical removal action that included the work at Gold King was the action to install a plug at the Red and Bonita mine.

When was the installation of that plug complete?

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